



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q54404

Kaname MIWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/313,184

Group Art Unit: 1753

Confirmation No.: 3561

Examiner: Ta Hsung Tung

Filed: May 18, 1999

For: SENSOR ELEMENT AND GAS SENSOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in reply to the Advisory Action dated February 12, 2003. The Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed January 21, 2003, should not be entered. A Petition and Payment for Extension of Time of four months is enclosed herewith, extending the period for filing a Brief on Appeal from April 21, 2003 to August 21, 2003. Concurrent with the filing of a RCE, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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